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Shed Fest 2021

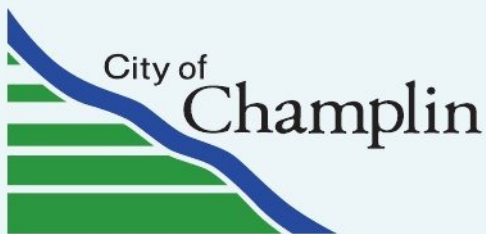
We are excited to announce that Shed Fest will return on Saturday, September 18, 2021. We are hosting Nightrain, a Guns N' Roses tribute band, and the increasingly popular Snake Oil, who will pay tribute to the 80s and 90s rock bands. Food trucks and adult beverages will be available. The times for the event are 6 p.m. to midnight. Gates will open at 4 p.m.; you can come early to eat and play bags. Tickets are \$20 and on sale now via the City of Champlin website. Come rock it out with us at the Public Works Salt Shed in September!



Night to Unite is Back

After an unpredictable 2020, which caused so many events to be postponed or canceled, we are excited to announce that Night to Unite is back for 2021! Please join us on the evening of August 3 to celebrate existing relationships and build new ones within our community. This neighborhood event is an opportunity for residents to get a chance to see emergency vehicles up close while connecting with your local police officers, firefighters, city staff, and local representatives. Whether you have three homes or 30 homes in your neighborhood, it is a great excuse to get outside and enjoy time with old and new friends! Enjoy conversations about Summer events that have taken place or upcoming events. Contact the Champlin Police Department to find the closest gathering in your neighborhood.





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Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Police Administration: 763-421-2971

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City Council: 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month

EDA: 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month

ERC: 1st Monday of the Month

Park & Rec Commission: 1st Tuesday of the Month

Planning Commission: 3rd Monday of the Month

*Meeting dates are subject to change; call the City office to confirm dates and times or check website calendar for updates

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Summer Events



MOVIE IN THE PARK

Join us on Friday, August 20 at Andrews Park for this end of summer event. We're going old school with this year's movie selection, The Sandlot. The movie will begin at dusk (about 8:40 p.m.). Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets and enjoy a movie under the stars.



CHAMPLIN FARMERS MARKET

Farmers Market is back with fresh fruits and veggies!

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[Mayor's Corner]

Greetings, Neighbors!

By: Mayor Ryan Karasek

Bringing our community together, doing good and building community bonds has been a passion of mine since first taking public office in 2012. Last year was certainly difficult to bring people together when we were told that we literally needed to physically stay away from each other. Many of our annual summer events couldn't take place, and although we weren't able to gather as a community, we did get to refocus on our immediate families, and family is the heart of this community.

The pandemic provided us with the opportunity to focus inward on a personal level with the ones we care about the most yet are often the first ones we overlook when life gets busy because we know they will always be there. I firmly believe that a strong family core is the foundation of what makes our community great. It is during our darkest hours where family steps in and provides support to get through difficult times. As the old saying goes, fill your heart with love before you can give love to others. Families are the heart of our community. We struggled, we fought, we loved, we supported each other, and we prevailed. Strong families build strong communities, and I am proud to say that Champlin is as strong as it has ever been. The foundation for a prosperous future is set.

There is little else that brings me more joy than to see the smiling faces of everyone once again gathering this summer. Seeing kids laughing, smiling, and playing in our parks, playgrounds and ballfields is priceless. When someone stops me to say hello or I run into a friend that I haven't seen in a year, it fills my heart with joy. The incredible turnout at the Father Hennepin Festival this past June was evidence that we are all ready to gather again. It feels so good to see residents supporting local farmers each Wednesday at the Farmer's Market. I was pumped to bring back, in partnership with the Champlin Community Foundation, "Champ'd Up Summer Fest," a spinoff of the annual CCF "Bounce House Bonanza" with more food trucks, inflatables and carnival games than

ever. This past month, our Cone with a Cop, hosted by our Champlin Police Department, was a huge hit. The excitement in our community is apparent in event turnout, and perhaps now we realize that maybe we took the ability to gather for granted in previous years.

With more events on the horizon this summer, I look forward to seeing you in August for Night to Unite and Movie in the Park. Oh, and of course, the triumphant return of Shed Fest in September will provide our community the opportunity to let loose and #LIVChamplin. Bringing people together, doing good and building community bonds is what brings me the most happiness. Not a day goes by where I am not grateful that I am your Mayor and we can gather again.



by Stacie Brown



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Champlin Ice Forum Renovation Underway

For the first time in 25 years, the R-22 refrigeration system is being replaced with an indirect ammonia refrigeration system. We are four months into the project and on schedule to wrap up before October. The project started with the removal of the ice plant, rink boards and rink floor back in late April.

The Champlin Ice Forum opened in 1996 and has undergone various improvements over the past few years to keep the building and grounds one of the premier ice facilities in Minnesota. Some of the larger improvements have included the east parking lot reconstruction project in 2017, and a full roof replacement in 2020.

Since then we've installed subsurface components such as piping for sub floor heating, plumbing runs, glycol mains for the rink floor and new concrete. The insulation and vapor barrier on the rink was installed and the rink floor prepped for refrigerant lines and concrete. During July and August, ice plant equipment will get installed and the rink floor poured. It is our intention to have the ice plant up and running with new boards installed and

the ice prepped for skating by the end of September. Reminder, although the Ice Forum is closed for skating, both rental rooms are available to reserve, and skate sharpening is available.

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CHAMPLIN SPLASH PAD OPEN UNTIL LABOR DAY

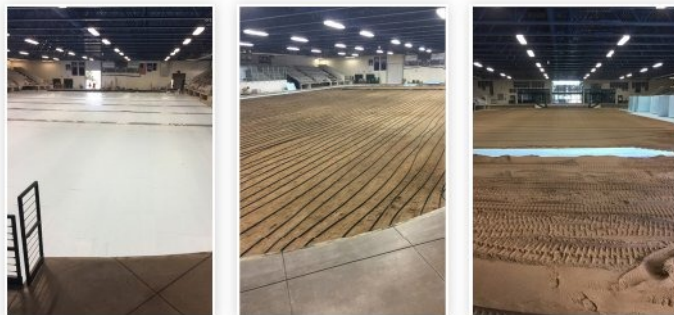
The Andrews Park Splash Pad, located at 7200 117th Avenue, is open daily from 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., weather permitting. The final day of our season this year is Sunday, September 5. This facility will be closed if temperatures are below 65 degrees or if there is inclement weather. You can check our weather hotline at 763-923-7127, if the weather looks questionable. There are changing stalls, restrooms, and a snack shack that sells water, candy, chips, ice cream, and more!



E-Permitting Now Available

We're excited to announce e-permitting is now available for building permits. We still welcome paper applications in person at City Hall or via email

to jkillian@ci.champlin.mn.us. Remember, if you need support or a site plan, please don't hesitate to call our building department team at 763-421-2629. We also have informational handouts with critical information outlined on our website via the Building Department webpage.



Reminder

Residents must certify vacuum breakers, a common attachment to a lawn irrigation system. These testing requirements, for all testable backflow non-RPZ devices, became effective for installations made on or after January 23, 2016.

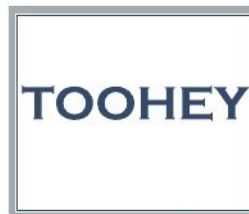
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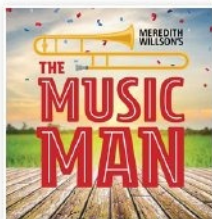
ADULT TRIPS

Mystic Lake Trips

Feeling lucky? Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 10 for a trip to Mystic Lake, where you'll get a "spend \$10/get \$10" voucher plus four hours of playing bingo, slots, and table games. A minimum of 15 participants is required. We will leave from the Champlin Community Center with an estimated 4 p.m. return. The cost is \$15.

Chanhasen Dinner Theater Trip

Join us for a daytrip to the Chanhasen Dinner Theater to see *The Music Man*. The trip will include transportation, a meal, and a show ticket. We will meet and leave from the Champlin Community Center at 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8. The cost is \$80 per ticket.



UPCOMING YOUTH PROGRAMS

Tech Academy Multiplayer

Minecraft/Mini Game Builder

Become the architect of your own mini game! Build your own spleef arena, capture the flag base and king of the hill stadium; then challenge your friends as you battle it out. Students will get a copy of the world map to take home and expand on.

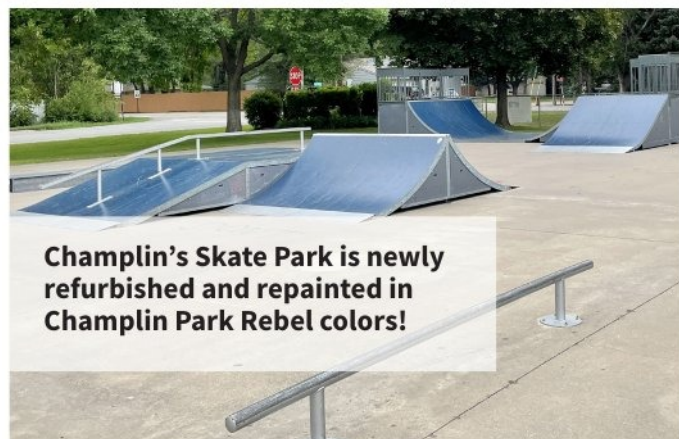
- WHO** 7-12 years
WHERE Champlin Ice Forum, 12165 Ensign Avenue
WHEN August 23-25 (Monday-Wednesday), 9 a.m. - Noon
FEE \$99 Resident/\$107 Non-Resident

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- WHO** 10-14 years
WHERE Champlin Ice Forum, 12165 Ensign Avenue
WHEN August 23-25 (Monday-Wednesday), 1-4 p.m.
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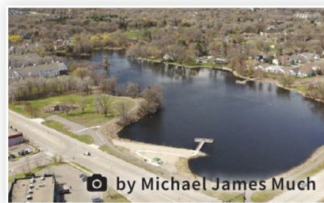
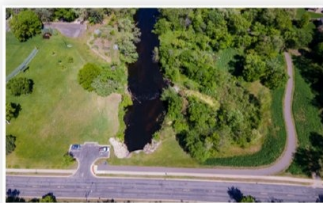


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Summer Adventure

Our downtown jewel has been buffed and awaits you. As we move into Phase IV of restoring the Elm Creek stream, we encourage residents to explore downtown via the beautifully restored paddling path. Parking is available off Hayden Lake Rd. with kayak and canoe access points all around the Mill Pond. If you paddle from the dam up to Josephine Nunn Park, it will take you approximately two hours round trip, which is well worth it for the ultimate local outdoor experience. In the coming year, we look to extend the adventure beyond Nunn Park. Details on Phase IV and V of the Elm Creek Stream Restoration Project are on the right.



Elm Creek Stream Restoration Phase IV Moves Forward

The Elm Creek Stream Restoration Phase IV project is expected to begin in early September and be completed in the spring of 2022. The project will extend the restoration of the Elm Creek Shoreline from upstream of the Josephine Nunn Park Trail Crossing to Elm Creek Crossing. The project includes restoring 5,350 linear feet of stream bank and habitat.



Since Elm Creek is an impaired waterway, restoring the stream bank and providing habitat structure will reduce downstream sedimentation and provide native habitat improvements to enhance aquatic species, including the sensitive Blandings Turtle. The riparian areas of the creek will be restored with native planting buffers using native seeding that will filter sediments and nutrients from direct runoff. The project will include some tree thinning to remove invasive trees, along with those trees that are at risk for disease or too close to the stream edge. These trees will be harvested and utilized as wood-toe stream bank stabilization. The project also includes the restoration of islands on the Mill Pond that were damaged as a result of flooding and erosion from the 2019 flood events on the Elm Creek.

The City and the Elm Creek Watershed Storm Water Plan specifically identifies that the goals for these environmental projects shall include improved habitat, water quality, and flood control. This project allows the City of Champlin to meet these goals and opens opportunities to provide to the public greater access for recreation including kayaking, fishing, and educational experiences.

The project will be primarily funded through several grant programs including the MN-DNR Community Partnership Legacy Grants, Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR), and the Elm Creek Watershed Commission. The City of Champlin is working with the Legislative – Citizen Commission Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) for additional grant funding for the project. If this grant is awarded, additional restoration and habitat improvements are expected to occur.

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The City of Champlin has continued to provide important environmental projects on Elm Creek that support water quality and improved native habitat. Due to my retirement, this will be the last article that I will author for the City of Champlin. I would like to thank the residents of Champlin and all those who have supported the City and these important projects. Sincerely, Todd L. Tuominen, City of Champlin Engineering.



Todd Tuominen Retirement

Assistant City Engineer, Todd Tuominen, has announced his retirement, effective July 30, 2021, after serving more than 33 years at the City of Champlin. Todd

began his career at the City of Brooklyn Park Engineering Department and worked seven years from 1980 through 1987. Todd was recruited by the City of Champlin and began working for the City on January 11, 1988.

During Todd's tenure at Champlin, he was responsible for managing public and private improvement projects, along with administering contracts and agreements with other public agencies. Todd also managed the MPCA Permit (NPDES) Program, along with the City's Municipal State Aid Streets (MSAS). Todd served as the City's representative to both the West Mississippi and Elm Creek Watershed Management Organizations and served as a technical advisor to the Environmental Resources Commission. Todd worked closely with MNDOT for the construction of the Mississippi River Bridge and TH 169 increasing to four lanes. He was successful working with the MN Legislature in securing necessary funding for water quality projects. Todd also initiated and managed numerous water quality, habitat restoration and environmental improvement projects, setting a high standard for the region.

Some of Todd's more significant accomplishments include the restoration of the Elm Creek Dam and Jefferson Highway bridge, the restoration of the Mill Pond, creating trails and providing access around the Mill Pond, and the restoration of the streambanks and habitat of the Elm Creek. Todd was instrumental in securing funding from the State, County, and other governmental organizations for funding of these projects.

Todd is to be commended for his outstanding commitment and service to the residents of Champlin. He will be sincerely missed by his friends and colleagues here at the City of Champlin.



Todd received an Engineering Award in 2017 from Mayor Karasek

2022 Project Planning

The city is planning for street and utility improvement projects for the areas shown on the map. The projects are currently in the preliminary design stages. Neighborhood meetings and public hearings are planned for the upcoming months to provide more information to properties affected by the project.

Construction is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2022.

For more information, please contact the Engineering Department at 763-421-8100 or send an email to email@ci.champlin.mn.us.



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Summer Explorations

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Map: ci.champlin.mn.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Map.pdf
Park List: ci.champlin.mn.us/parks-and-recreation/city-parks



by Michael James Much

Andrews Park



Added in 2020 with an \$11,500 grant from Hennepin Youth Sports Program.

Splash pad with small concessions, picnic shelter with prep area and meeting room, small shade shelter, programming building, play areas, toddler-age creative play area, four softball fields, one baseball field, three football/soccer fields, two hockey rinks, four tennis courts, six sand volleyball courts, warming house, parking, trails

Bartusch Park

11050 Quebec Ave.
Play area equipment, basketball court, sand volleyball court, trails

Brittany Park

11005 Brittany Dr.
Play area equipment, one hockey rink (permanent), one free skating area, two baseball fields, basketball court, warming house (temporary), trails

D.C. Chandler Park

685 W. River Rd.
Upper level of Mississippi Point Park, picnic area with grills, parking

Donie Galloway Park

1335 Dayton Rd.
Soccer fields, open play area, trails, disc golf course (free)

Doris A. Kemp Park

921 Hwy. 169
Fishing, picnic area, extensive gardens

Jerry Ruppel Athletic Complex (JRAC)

10951 Elm Creek Pkwy.
Play area equipment, two baseball/softball fields, soccer/football field, open play area, trails, picnic shelter that accommodates up to 40 people

Elm Creek Terrace Park

50 Trussel Ave.
Play area

Emery Farms Park

11780 Emery Village Dr.
Play equipment, basketball court

Evergreen Park

11304 Florida Ave.
Play area, basketball court, sand volleyball court, trails

Harold H. Johnson Park

9801 Elm Creek Pkwy.
Play area, basketball court, trails

Heights Park

710 Parkview Ln.
Play area, basketball court, pond, trails

Highpointe Park

10200 Goose Lake Pkwy.
Play area equipment, basketball court, baseball/softball field, trails, tennis, sliding hill

Josephine Nunn Park

12790 Monticello Ln.
Play area equipment, basketball court, nature area (Elm Creek), trails

Lakeside Park

9410 Lakeside Trl.
Play area equipment, basketball court, trails

Mississippi Point Park

651 West River Rd.
Boat launch, fishing area, picnic area with grills

Morningside Park

13100 Union Terrace Ln.
Play area

Northland Park

8001 114th Ave.
Play area equipment, three ball fields, one hockey rink (permanent), free skating area, soccer/football field, warming house, skateboard area

Oak Creek Park

1306 Pleasant View Ln.
Play area equipment, ball field, basketball court, trails, pickleball court

Oxbow Park

5250 109th Ave.
Nature area, trails

Paul Wethern Park

13325 Valley Forge Ln.
Play area equipment, ball field, basketball court, two pickleball courts



Pines Park

6001 114th Ln.
Play area equipment, ball field, basketball court, trails

Reynolds Park

821 Cartway Rd.
Ball field, picnic area

Richardson Park

302 Colburn St.
Two tennis courts, hockey rink, soccer field

Rosewood Park

618 West River Pkwy.
Play area

Shores Park

7003 River Shore Ln.
Play area equipment, basketball court, trails

Veterans Memorial Park

505 East Hayden Lake Rd.
Flower gardens, trails, gazebo

West River Park

12109 Mississippi Dr.
Play area equipment, ball field, basketball court, skating rink

Woodlawn Park

11217 Independence Ave.
Play area equipment, ball field, basketball court, skating rink, hockey rink, warming house, trails

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Fishing Piers

There are now four fishing piers on the Mill Pond (two on the upper Mill Pond and two on the lower Mill Pond) in addition to fishing platforms at the Elm Creek Dam. Several of these have been built as part of the recent Elm Creek/Mill Pond restoration work.

Parking Information

Elm Creek Dam Fishing Platforms

Mississippi Point Park, 651 West River Rd. (ADA compliant)
There may be temporary closures during the 2021 season. If closed, use the parking lot at D.C. Chandler Park, 685 West River Rd., to access the docks as well.

Mill Pond Piers

- 343 East Hayden Lake Rd. near the intersection of Hwy. 169. (ADA compliant)
- Shared parking lot with the Champlin United Methodist Church, 921 Downs Rd. (ADA compliant)
- Doris Kemp Park, 921 Hwy. 169
- Parking lot located along West River Rd.

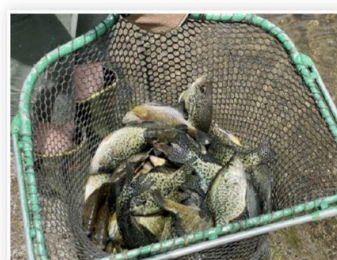
Fishing Licenses

Online Fishing License Application

dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/online-sales.html

Fishing Licenses also available at the following Champlin businesses:

- Holiday Stationstore #291
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- Grady's Ace Hardware
12325 Champlin Dr.
- Speedway #4802
100 Miller Rd.
- Holiday Stationstore #243
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Recreational Fires

Burning in a backyard fire pit is a popular outdoor activity. Burning can be done between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 midnight any day of the week. You must contain the fire in a fireplace, a ring of stones or a pit dug out to contain the fire. The fire can't exceed 3 feet in diameter and the flames can't be higher than 2 feet. Keep the fire 15 feet from any structure or property line or other combustible materials. Your fire must be recreational; not used to burn garbage, leaves, trash, brush, cardboard, hazardous materials, oil, rubber, plastic, railroad ties, shingles, treated lumber, etc. You can burn clean wood or charcoal.

If there is a fire in your area that you are concerned about, please dial 911 while it's actively burning.

A complete list of City Ordinances can be found at ci.champlin.mn.us



Summer Fire Boat Training on the Mississippi River

Hey Champlin, have you seen one of our fire department boats out on the river lately? The Anoka-Champlin Fire Department has two specialty boats outfitted with rescue platforms, side scan sonar and even thermal imaging cameras for night time operations. All this gear is to help us operate on the almost 10 miles of waterway between the Mississippi and the Rum Rivers in case of emergencies. These kinds of specialty operations require practice, so our 45 firefighters and the numerous agencies we work with rotate through water trainings which is why you will see us out on the river multiple times this summer. Next time you see us, give us a wave and we welcome you to observe our water trainings!



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Mississippi Crossings Redevelopment Project

The City Council is extremely excited to announce that Mississippi Point Park Improvement Project, as part of the larger Mississippi Crossings Redevelopment Project, will move forward in July 2021! This phase of the project was bid during the month of June 2021 and includes: Pavilion, Open Play Area, an Outdoor Performance Area, and Docks as part of the future amenities. The City Council approved the project Monday, July 12, 2021. An anticipated completion time frame

is July, 2022. While this project will take approximately a year to complete, it marks the end of almost 25 years of planning and preparation to make the activation of the riverfront in Champlin a reality! For more information on the Mississippi Crossings Park Improvements, please contact Charlie Lehn, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, at 763-923-7163 or clehn@ci.champlin.mn.us.



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Predatory Offender Safety – Tips for Parents



On June 3, the Champlin Police Department hosted a community notification event regarding a predatory offender who recently moved into the city. We would like to follow up that notification with a synopsis of the suggestions made by Alison Feigh, Director of the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center, on how to talk to your kids about the situation

at hand. Alison reminds us that, “It is a kid’s job to be a kid. It is a grown-up’s job to keep them safe.” Children should not be afraid of strangers. The focus should not be on if we know the person or not. The focus should be on how the person makes us feel. Children and teens are much more likely to be victimized by someone they know. Alison suggests two questions:

1. Does this person try to get me to break my safety rules?
2. Does this person give me an “uh-oh” feeling?

Another potential red flag parents should watch for is the individuals who seem like they are trying to insert themselves into every aspect of your child’s life. The reality is children and teens are most often lured by attention and affection. Suspects do not want to be part of a safety net. They want to be the only one the child turns to.

To keep children safe, The Jacob Wetterling Resource Center says, every child and teen needs to have five trusted adults in their lives to form a safety net that they can turn to at any time. They also recommend having a “Family Safety Night.” This is a night to connect and have fun. During this event, the whole family participates. There should be no distractions. It should happen twice a year and you can cover all things related to personal safety such as a fire escape, safety belts, bike helmets, calling 911, bus safety, and internet and personal safety.

For more information and resources, please check out:

- Stop it Now! MN | 888-PREVENT | stopitnow.org/mn
- Jacob Wetterling Resource Center | 800-325-HOPE jwrc.org
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children 800-843-5678 | missingkids.com
- MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault | 651-209-9993 mncasa.org
- MDH Sexual Violence Prevention health.state.mn.us/svprevent
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Water Meter Changeout Progress Update



The City of Champlin water meter replacement project is currently ahead of schedule with almost 6000 meters installed, and we are anticipating

completion in the month of August. Every water meter needs to be updated. The new Mueller meters are currently read by a mobile drive-by system and will be migrating to an antenna-based network. Without an update, we will not be able to communicate with the existing water meter.

For scheduling efficiency, the water meter changeout project was divided into 14 zones. As of June, all properties in the 14 zones have received a letter and/or door hanger requesting the scheduling of an appointment with over 75% of meter installations completed. If you haven't scheduled an appointment, please contact Midwest Testing. For more information, please contact the Utilities Superintendent, Dave Stifter, at 763-923-7190 dstifter@ci.champlin.mn.us or visit ci.champlin.mn.us/public-works-department/utilities/water-meter-changeout.

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The high temperatures and lack of precipitation has placed excessive demands on our City water system. Everyone's cooperation in following the odd-even sprinkler ordinance is necessary to ensure the ability to sustain our critical water supply. Municipal wells and pumps are being operated for excessive periods of times, with little ability for equipment to cool down between cycles. During peak demand hours, every municipal well and pump is required to operate at full capacity to sustain the demand. With the current pumping trends, a failure of a single well or pump would be catastrophic. City staff has needed to increase its enforcement and education of the mandatory sprinkling restrictions. The current dry conditions may last throughout the summer months. To reduce the possibility of a water emergency, all irrigation systems using city water must follow the odd-even watering ordinance, including no watering between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The municipal treatment plants are engineered to process enough water for the community, but only if the established guidelines are followed. A water emergency is declared when water production cannot keep up with demand. If water tower levels become critically low, the community is at risk in the ability to fight fires and supply essential potable water needs. Please do your part to protect your community by following the annual odd-even watering restrictions to help avoid a possible emergency.

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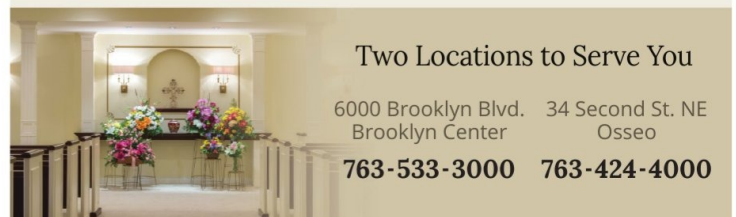
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The Oaks at Bauer Farm

The City recently approved plans for a 99 lot single family residential development on 47 acres in northwest Champlin (the former Bauer Berry Farm site). The long and storied "pick your own" berry farm ceased operation in 2019 after 42 years.

The subdivision, known as The Oaks at Bauer Farm, will include "upscale" single family residential homes with a thoughtful land plan with curvilinear streets. The project will also include a grand entrance, enhanced landscaping, many pedestrian connections, a neighborhood pool and a 2.8 acre heritage oak tree preservation and passive recreation area.

Development of the site is expected soon with home construction slated for the fall. During the construction, there will be two home builders involved with this project: Jonathan Homes and D.R. Horton. Jonathan Homes will build on 50 of the 99 lots and D.R. Horton will construct on the other 49. Homes range from \$500K to \$800K. For more information on this planned development, please contact Community Development Director, Scott Schulte, at 763-923-7102 or schulte@ci.champlin.mn.us.



THE OAKS AT BAUER FARM
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The Bowline at Mississippi Crossings Update

Construction is well underway at The Bowline at Mississippi Crossings, located off Hwy. 169 and E. River Parkway. Opening in December, The Bowline offers a wide variety of apartment floor plans, ranging from convertible studios to corner three bedrooms overlooking the Mississippi River. The U-shaped building features a private outdoor amenity space that includes an expansive sundeck, heated pool, and grilling patio. Indoors, residents will experience an exceptional level of detail – from the quiet co-working nook near the coffee bar to the top notch gym that meets the needs of every fitness enthusiast. The Bowline will encourage community connectivity with complimentary paddleboards, golf carts, and bicycles, as well as two public pickleball courts.

The Bowline is part of the larger redevelopment project, known as Mississippi Crossings, which will include a waterfront public pavilion, upper lawn recreation area, amphitheater, soon-to-be-announced restaurant, and a public dock.



This property is being developed by Greco. They are excited to be joining the Champlin community! The leasing center will be located adjacent to the building and will open for appointments in September, with early reservations now available. Learn more at thebowlinemn.com or send an email to thebowline@choosegreco.com.



Your Boat Club

Providing Residents Meaningful Access to the Mississippi River

Your Boat Club (YBC) is excited to get underway in Champlin and looking forward to providing residents meaningful access to the Mississippi River. Your Boat Club is currently providing rental boats at Mississippi Point Park. Prospective clients can go to yourboatclub.com regarding rental options.

YBC is giving Champlin residents a 20% discount via promo code, **champlinresident20**. To use, add the promo code before you complete payment. For questions, call the YBC rental team at their customer service and booking line, 612-208-1800 Option 1.



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Share your stories by contacting Communications Director, Ashley Wagner, at awagner@ci.champlin.mn.us or 763-923-7118. You can also share your story by tagging us on Instagram (@Champlin_MN) and Facebook (@CityofChamplin). Please include our City hashtag, #LIVChamplin.

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